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MR. SPEAKER : The adjournment motion given notice of by the hon. Member Sri Rama Arangannal is based on the situation caused by the retrenchment of a number of workers in the motion film industry consequent on the imposition of a cut in the import of raw films. Mainly, this subject is dealt with by the Central Government and the responsibility of the State Government is very limited—rather, I can say it is almost 'nil'. Anyway, the matter has been raised, and the Hon. the Leader of the House has also explained the position. The circumstances clearly show that this subject is not fit for an adjournment motion. Therefore, I hold this adjournment motion out of order.

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO STRIKE BY WORKERS IN TANNERIES IN NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Sri M. Karunanithi, will now call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Finance to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the strike by workers in tanneries in North Arcot district during the month of June 1962.

திரு. மு. கருணாநிதி : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, வடாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் 150 தோல் பதனிடும் தொழிற்சாலைகளைச் சேர்ந்த தொழிலாளர்கள் 1962-ஆம் ஆண்டு ஜூன் மாதத்தில் தொடங்குகிற வேலை நிறுத்தம் பற்றிய அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவருகிறேன்.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the following statement about this matter. Neither the Government nor the Labour Department have received any strike notice intimating the intention of the workers in 150 tanneries in North Arcot district to go on strike in June 1962. However, a letter, dated 30th May 1962 signed by the President of the North Arcot District Tannery Workers Union has been received by the Government. In this letter, the President of the Union has requested the Government too implement the minimum rates of wages recommended by the Minimum Wages Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 18th September 1961 with effect from 1st October 1961 failing which he would be constrained to take direct action against all the tanneries in the district. In a subsequent letter, dated 12th June 1962, the President of the Union has stated that in view of the assurance given by the Government he is postponing the proposed direct action against the tanneries in the district by two weeks, after which he would have to resort to peaceful picketing.

The minimum wages for employment in the Tanneries have been fixed and since issued in G.O. Ms. No. 3371, Industries, Labour and Co-operatioon (Labour), dated 2nd July 1962 and will be notified in the *Fort St. George Gazettte* shortly.